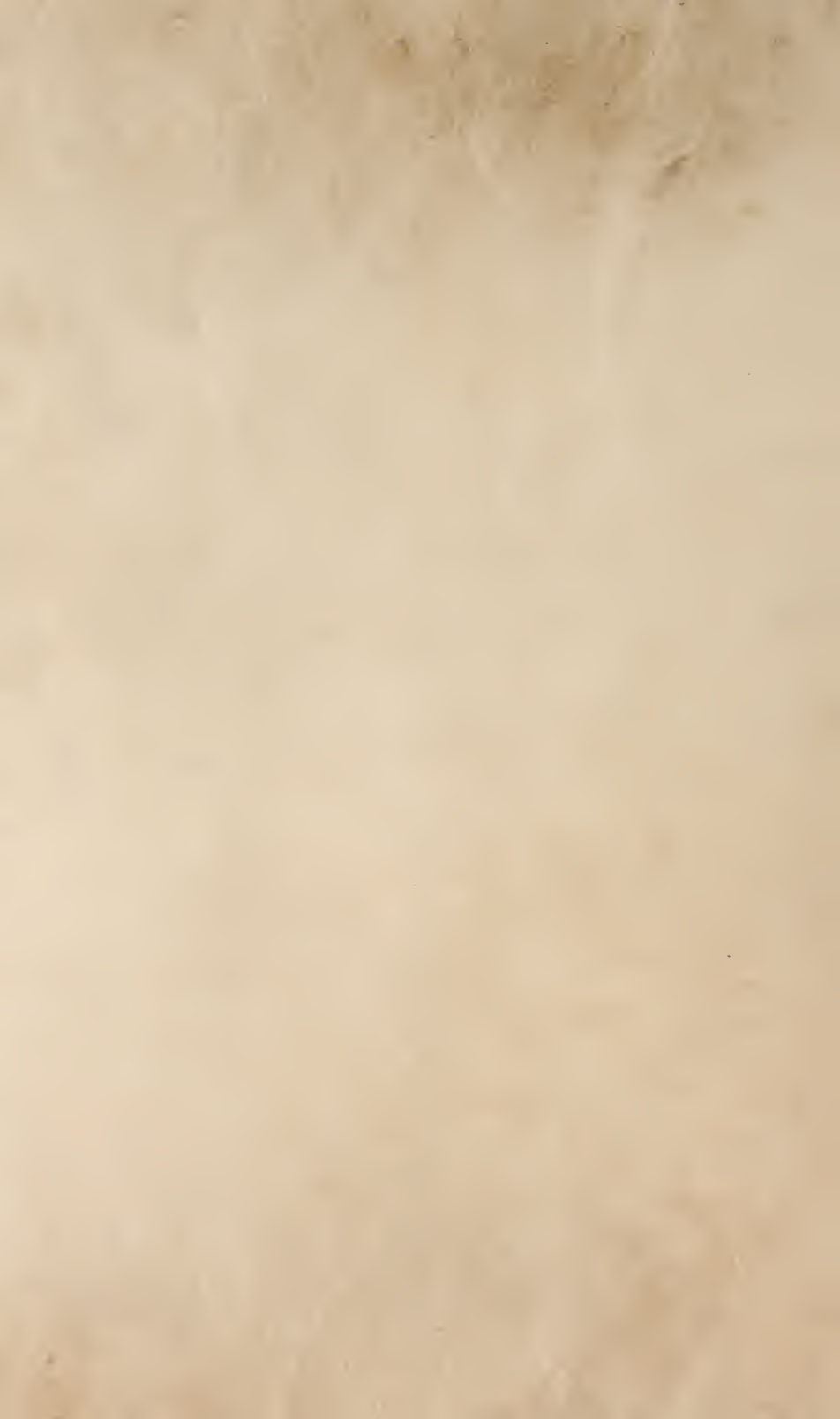




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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Abstract of Annual Report.

Though threatened with embarrassments in the middle of the past year, God's mercy brought us through, and the churches answered our appeals for aid. Two of the members of the Board have been removed by death, Rev. Dr. Krebs and Rev. Dr. J. M. Lowrie, of Indiana. Three of the missionaries have died, Rev. Geo. Porter, of Iowa, Rev. Thos. Bellows, and Rev. F. Steins, of New York. Six hundred and thirteen missionaries have been in commission during the year, distributed over 32 States and Territories; working earnestly in the faith of the gospel, and receiving, in many cases, their reward from the Lord of the harvest. 59 churches have been organized, and 11 have become self-supporting. 3382 have been added to the churches on profession of their faith, and on certificate 2120. The entire membership in our missionary churches is 25,553. 452 Sabbath-schools, with 4155 teachers and 31,917 scholars, are reported. There was promised to the missionaries \$112,080 50. This is below the ability of our church, and utterly inadequate to the increasing demands of our country. Our receipts were \$113,109 69. An excess of the year preceding of \$16,131 88. With the balance of the beginning of the year, and the command of a reserve fund, our available resources were \$164,044 04. Thus we met the demands on us of \$146,600 05.

We have continued the system of district *missionaries*, as the Assembly of 1867 ordered them to be called, instead of *secretaries* as we proposed. We have six working in six of the Western States. We feel assured of the value of the system when rightly conducted; and it is capable of enlargement and great success. Boxes have been furnished by the ladies of many churches to the amount of \$22,163 08, a gratifying increase over preceding years. Besides these, there have been donations of bells, books, and sums of money privately sent, which reveal an interest in this great cause.

Our work is twofold—1st, to supplement the salaries of ministers toiling in feeble churches; and we venture the assertion that diligence on part of Presbyteries might relieve the Board of much of this, in evoking the sleeping ability of many of the churches so aided. 2nd, The great design of our fathers in the erection of the Board, which was to extend the limits of the church by sending missionaries into unoccupied fields, and along our advancing frontiers.

The Church has two grand schemes—Missions, Foreign and Domestic—the one contemplates the teeming millions beyond our continent, and in the immeasurable fields

swarming with degraded life. *Ours* is the land we love and where we dwell—we begin at Jerusalem—we have now more than four millions of square miles; a field in its magnitude worthy of profoundest study. In the conversion of this land to Christ the heathen world has the deepest interest. We have a population of *forty millions*, hourly swollen by the immigration of men seeking to improve their condition and the fullest liberty; and our own natural increase, making it certain that in thirty odd years we shall number 100,000,000, and then have less than thirty to the square mile. We have a few brethren in Colorado, not enough to form a Presbytery, none in the regions beyond, Nevada, Idaho, Dacotah, Washington, and Utah.

The character of the population is an important element in the calculation. There is enterprise, education, intelligence, and energy; but there is error, superstition, infidelity, and looseness of morals—This is the necessity of early and urgent action. Properly cultured by the softening influences of religion, it would be of immeasurable value to the world; if degraded by the debasing tendencies of our corrupt nature, it would be a curse to itself and a scourge to mankind. The immigration from Europe, so greatly stimulated of late years, is deeply popish, or as sadly infidel.

The demand for labourers is great, and the appeals from our brethren are affecting. Exhausted themselves by abundant labours, unable to overtake the rapidly developing fields, they look to us for brethren to share the toils and honours of their frontier work. Important positions are mentioned, which promise much for vigorous and early efforts if aided now. Never was the demand for the right kind of men as now. It is true there is labour, and toil, and self-sacrifice; these are all for the honour of the members, and the missionary's crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus. Yet we cannot, for our means are insufficient, and the churches do not come up to our help.

Men that preach the gospel should surely live by the gospel. It is the simple duty of each church to support its own minister, without aid from other sources, if able at all, and nothing will so cramp and dwarf religion as undue reliance on other aid. When they have taxed themselves to the utmost, it will be time to seek the aid of the Board. All who are aided should steadily aim at independence. The Board will welcome all proper applications. All we desire is the conservation of entrusted funds, and the unfolding of the Church's growth and power.

Our review bids us be thankful, and though we have not been able to overtake all the opportunities which offered, nor occupy points of commanding importance, we have made some progress—we have held our own and made some inroads on the abounding desolation. Fields of mission labour have been better arranged—churches consolidated, and efforts towards independent existence been successfully made. The immigrants who went west were of a better class than heretofore; more thrifty and intelligent and moral. Yet, alas, there was too much of the infidelity, formalism, and superstition of the old world. Our own people have advanced. The war has not been without its beneficial results—men have been made more thoughtful, large hearted, nobler in their aims, and more awake to the necessities of our country. They *know* our land must have the gospel—that our institutions, saved in the last decisive appeal to the sword over armed rebellion, are to repose on the firm foundation of God's word. And when the sublime anticipations of the men who brought the gospel to our shores, that it might put forth its unhindered power, are realized, who can doubt but that truth, freedom, and righteousness will triumph. Missionaries will go forth preaching the gospel of love, and love will reign. The gospel will cure all the evils which afflict us, and nothing else will.

The year which has closed, was one of blessed revival. The reports are very precious, and the joy of our brethren was like the joy of harvest. They have been cheered and encouraged amid their self-denial. Theirs was the joy of angels, when one sinner repenteth. We bear testimony, that these missionaries, taken as a whole, are true men—anxious to receive the blessing—for this they labour, and for this they pray; they watch for souls—and God has rewarded this watching—has opened the windows of heaven. It is to be remarked, that in many cases, these gracious visitations were in connection with the Week of Prayer—they expected great things, and they attempted great things—nor were they disappointed. In some cases, the accessions have been marvellous, and the churches were edified. This is abundant recompense for all we have done, in sustaining these brethren, and surely such tidings may well urge the Church to greater effort, and larger benevolence. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

Our trust is in God—that the blessing is not for this nation and this time only—but for all nations and all ages after us. Our beloved Church must meet her share of this grand responsibility, or stand aside and give up her stewardship—must accept the responsibility and be thankful for the honour. Let us grasp the opportunity, and stand by this fair land, in this the hour of her spiritual agony. We received the trust from our fathers, now sleeping in the dust of their honoured graves—we must carry it, till we fall and leave it to others. The Church lives, though man dies—the word of the Lord liveth and abideth for ever. The sure and glorious end shall come, and the hope of Gov. Bradford, of Puritan memory, shall have its joyous fulfilment in the chorus of ransomed believers—“that as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light on these shores may in some sort shine even to the whole nation and through the world.” We labour not for this land only, though that is work and glory enough for any church, but for all lands. The eyes of the world are upon us—the sympathies of the nation are with us—the peaceful character of our intercourse with eastern nations has impressed them favourably. Then if our people were all righteous—if our seamen would carry a pure gospel to the shores they visit, then would the ships of Tarshish bring their sons from afar, their silver and gold with them, unto the name of the Lord its God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified Thee. How sublime the prospect! How grand the work! *Therefore the gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto Thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.*

Acknowledgment.

The following letter was addressed to the wife of a Pastor, the ladies of whose church had presented the writer with a box of clothing:—

My Dear Sister,—Your kind letter of the 24th ult. came duly to hand, informing me that you had on the day before started on its way to me a box of clothing, &c. The letter was followed in a few days by the box itself, which came with all its contents safely.

We assure you that its contents were most welcome; every thing seemed to us just what we most needed, and convinced us that you were guided in your selections by One who best knew our wants, and whose spirit had inspired your hearts with kindly sympathy for His poor servants in their self-denying and laborious service.

My dear sister, you, and your kind co-labourers in this act of benevolence and liberality, are doubtless happy in the consciousness of the indwelling of that spirit of love, love to the dear Re-

deemer, and love to His suffering ministers and their families, which prompted to this timely offering. But we wish you to be yet more happy in the knowledge of the great good you have done, the blessing you have thus conferred.

We knew not how our necessities this winter as to clothing, &c., were to be met. We saw no way humanly speaking. We knew only that Christ was king in Zion, and over the hearts of men, and that he had promised never to forsake his faithful servants, that he was able, and *that* was all.

We began to fear that he might call us to endure a greater trial. It was becoming quite dark. But at last the light shined; your letter with its information, and thirteen dollars it contained, was the appearance of the sun above the horizon. The box itself was its brighter shining. But it shone in full glory of love upon us, when we found how completely our wants were supplied by its contents, and that all expenses had been pre-paid, and the thirteen dol-

lars might be used to supply other pressing needs.

All the articles, dear sister, were just what we wished them, and gave us great delight, as one after another they were examined. If it be, as doubtlessly it is, "more blessed to give than to receive," the loving friends who sent this box must be blessed indeed.

Please express to every one of them, and receive for yourself the warmest,

most grateful love of myself and family, and know that when we appear before our blessed Lord at a throne of grace, this your act of Christian love and benevolence will be remembered, and the God who heareth prayer will be importuned to pour upon each one and all of you, the richest blessings of his Providence, and the richer blessings of His grace.

Yours truly, C.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MAY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Schenectady ch 279; Saratoga Springs ch Sab-sch 26 305 00

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Zelienople ch 5 50. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch, add'l. 15. *Pby of Erie*—Gravel Run ch 5 80 26 30

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Lower Path Valley ch 37 50; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Part of contents of Jimmie Gordon's Missionary Bank 50 cts. *Pby of Lewes*—Snow Hill ch 7; Monokin ch 47 102 00

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Oswego ch 6 50. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena German ch, from the Ladies Society 7; Zion ch 7 20 50

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Bainbridge ch 6. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch Cincinnati Sab-sch 133 34; Williamsburg ch 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Huntsville ch 10 159 34

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Low Point ch 10. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Waveland ch 4 20. *Pby of Palestine*—Darwin ch 2. *Pby of Peoria*—Lewistown ch 9 50; Princeville ch 16 45. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 3d ch Sab-sch 9 16 51 31

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of New Albany*—New Philadelphia ch 6; Monroe ch 2 20; Paoli ch 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Scaffold Prairie ch 2. *Pby of White Water*—Liberty ch 13; Rushville 1st ch 25 53 20

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Muscatine 1st German ch 5; Linn Grove ch 10 75. *Pby of Dubuque*—McGregor German ch 10; Leroy ch 2; Wilson's Grove ch 4 31 75

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of West Lexington*—Lexington 2d ch 431 60

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch 68 50

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Madisonville ch 8 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Franklin Sab-sch 8; Perth Amboy ch 10; 2d ch Rahway Sab-sch 81 36; New Vernon ch 44 77; 1st ch Woodbridge 30. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch 225, of which Sab-sch 175; Kingston ch 37 64, of which 30 51 from Sab-sch; Summit Hill ch 20, of which 2 93 from Jamestown Sab-sch, and 6 04 from ch Sab-sch. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Hightstown 1st ch 23 83; Trenton 2d ch 14 85. *Pby of Newton*—Marksboro ch 27; Asbury ch 10; Oxford 1st ch 5; Upper Mt Bethel ch 9; Danville ch 12. *Pby of West Jersey*—Deerfield ch, add'l, 2 25 600 80

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Red Mills ch 55 58, of which 40 from Sab-sch; Port Chester ch 7. *Pby of Long Island*—Brookfield ch 3; Amagansett ch 5 50. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch 205; West Twenty-third St ch 106 12. *Pby of North River*—Smithfield ch 67 449 20

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Pisgah ch 5; Radnor ch 3. *Pby of Richland*—Lexington ch 32. *Pby of Zanesville*—Norwich ch 1 75 41 75

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Vallejo ch 25 25 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Sab-sch of Paradise ch 7 50; Middle Octorara ch 71 05, of which 25 from Female Benevolent Society. *Pby of New Castle*—Wilmington 1st ch 25 85, of which 12 from Sab-sch; Zion ch 20; Rock ch 20; Female Missionary Society of Forks of Brandywine ch 28 05. *Pby of Northumberland*—Derry

ch 8 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce St ch Sab-sch 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cochoksink ch Sab-sch 139 56; Princeton ch, West Philadelphia, 40 411 51

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Ohio*—Chartiers ch 35 75. *Pby of Redstone*—Uniontown ch 121. *Pby of Salsburg*—Rural Valley ch 33 49; Apollo ch 38 75 228 90

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Winona and Rolling Prairie chs 6; Hixton ch 3. *Pby of St Paul*—Greenleaf ch 8. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Glasgow and Harmony chs 5 22 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Middle Sandy ch 14. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Short Creek ch 11; Wheeling Valley ch 10. *Pby of Washington*—Upper Buffalo ch 53 05 83 05

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Madison ch 60 00

Pby of Atlantic—Wilmington ch, N C 5 00

Pby of Catawba—Lexington ch 5 00

Pby of Concord—Davidson's River ch 3 50; Ram's Creek ch 7 15 10 65

Total receipts from churches, \$3205 36

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Miss Mary Nealey dec'd late of Juniata Co, Pa, 499 33; Legacy of W Stewart, dec'd, late of West Chester Co, Pa, 100, less taxes 11 = 89 588 33

MISCELLANEOUS.—Anonymous, Baltimore, Md 1; Austin ch, Texas 10; A Friend of Missions-Pa, 50; Cash returned 5; Eggs sold from "Missionary hens" of a little boy and girl, Ill 60 cts J M—, Pa 2; J R H, 100; Philadelphia Society of Nassau Hall, Princeton, N J 14; Mrs Sidney Springs, Graysville, Ill 10; Mrs E E Townse; d, Painted Post, N Y 5; Hugh H Patten, Princeton Ind 5; James Broughton 5; A Friend 5 212 60

Total Receipts in May, \$4006 29
S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 small box from Mrs J Kerr, Troy, N Y, value not given.

2 boxes from the 1st ch, Pittsburg, Pa, valued at \$475 58

1 box from the Sewing Society of Pres ch, of New Wilmington, Pa, valued at 50 00

1 box from the Ladies of Meadville, Pa, valued at 80 00

2 boxes from the Ladies of Ross St Pres ch, Brooklynd N Y, valued at 600 00

\$1205 58

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Corresponding Secretary—REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D. D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in affliction, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; as unknown and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.—2 Cor. vi. 4-10.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1867-68.

The portion of the Report, devoted to the department of Ministerial Education, presents a subject of more than common interest.

Inner Life of the Candidates.

In the Reports of last year and that preceding some important statistical information and facts, gleaned from the records of the Board and other sources, were presented. In this it is said: "We enter upon another field of information and suggestion, which ought to touch still deeper springs of tender emotion. Without revealing the names, or present position of the writers, the correspondence of the candidates during the past two or three years has been looked over, and such extracts selected from the letters, as would reveal the spirit of the writers, their leading purposes, and their sentiments as to their studies and calling. And we may truly say, that the exceptions to the general elevated tone of these letters, which we find in our large files, are very few." The extracts are grouped under several heads, the more fully to exhibit the inner life of these young brethren, and the means by which God has seen fit to direct their way. These are "Consecration by parents," "Experiences of young men seeking an education," "Sentiments as to duty," "Self-denial of students," "Appeals of teachers," "Overflowing of gratitude," "Influence upon fellow-students," "Applications from soldiers," and "Influence in the army." From these some extracts will be given at another time.

Coloured Candidates.

In accordance with the permission of the last General Assembly to relax temporarily in favour of coloured men in the South the rule requiring of candidates when received, "at least three months' study in the Latin language," five of the promising young men at the Biddle Memorial Institute have been taken under the care of the Board. This in no wise conflicts with the distinct and important work of the Church's Committee on Freedmen.

Relations of Presbyteries to Candidates for the Ministry.

In order to present to the Church the number of candidates aided by the Board, compared with that of those not aided, and to make some important suggestions in regard to the care of presbyteries over *all* candidates, efforts have been made during the year to collect the information required, which is presented in a tabular form in the Report; we regret that we have not room for it here.

Candidates during the Year.

The following table gives a view of the number of candidates during the year:

Number of new candidates received,	106
Whole number on the roll,	
in their Theological course,	119
in their Collegiate course,	98
in their Academical course,	77
	— 294

Entire number received from the beginning, in 1819, 3522

“The Church will see with comfort and hope the large increase in the number of new candidates received. Last year there were eighty-one; this year one hundred and six; which is an addition of almost *one-third* to the previous number. We thank our Master for this evidence of favour to His Church. And the Board takes courage to press more earnestly upon Christians and their offspring those high and constraining principles and motives which can alone fill with faithful recruits the ranks of the army of salvation, or can sustain them in the conflicts before them. These are, love to God; believing prayer; a determination to seek out wherever Satan has bound them in chains, and to save, by publishing the grace of Christ, that which was lost; and willingness to make all the preparations needful for the work, endure all sufferings, consecrate all property, wholly give self, give sons and daughters for life and death. How soon would this spirit crowd our seminaries, and carry the gospel to every creature!”

State of the Treasury.

The contributions for the year have been to Candidates' Fund \$38,950; to School Fund, \$4,414. The payments, for candidates, \$42,279; for schools, &c., \$3,705. Total receipts, \$43,364; \$1,644, more than last year. “While the contributions to the Ministerial Department have been nearly the same, those to that of General Education have been nearly doubled, as compared with last year. And yet so large are the draughts upon each treasury that we must appeal to churches that have not contributed to make liberal collections for them. Especially is this the case in the General Educational department, where the numerous appeals for help from the schools of various kinds and grades have already nearly consumed the contribution of the Day of Prayer for Schools in February; so that we must appeal to brethren who have sent us nothing for them yet, to remember the urgent pleas which they will read in the *second division* of this Report, in behalf of the Parochial schools, academies, colleges, the German and French mission schools, and others, which deserve our best wishes and our generous and effective aid.”

Summary of the Work done in the Department of General Education from the Year 1847 till Now,

This is presented in several parallel columns, and brings to light some very important facts for the consideration of the church at large in regard to the history of the efforts in behalf of General Education. “The *first* column shows from a careful examination of our records, *that the number of institutions aided* by the Church increased from 1848 till 1855, when it began to diminish. At the time of Dr. Van Rensselaer's death, in 1860, it had diminished more than one half, that is, from sixty to twenty-seven. It fell as low as *eleven* in 1863. It is again on the increase, and is now up to the average (twenty-five) of the years 1859—61.

“The *second* column shows *the number of Presbyteries* that have aided the work. This has been very irregular in successive years. The average has been over *eighteen* each year. During this year contributions have been sent to us from *twenty-six*.

“The *third* column tells the number of churches that have contributed each year. The average number has been *twenty-nine*. This year it was *fifty*, a number only exceeded in two previous years.

“The *fourth* column gives the contributions for each year. It is to be explained in regard to it that the heaviest amounts were given by a small number of individuals in the Eastern synods, until within a few years. Even yet a few generous benefactors do as much as all the churches together. But for a number of years, in order to bring the cause fully before the Church, and to encourage exertions in

behalf of a better education for the children of the Church, they gave in much larger amounts. A gentleman now deceased, who was connected with the Brick Church in the city of New York, gave *five thousand dollars per annum* for several years. We can hardly look for such sums at present from any source. *Our trust is in the small contributions of those who love the Saviour and will aid us as the Lord enables them, that are scattered in the churches all over the land; many it may be are poor, but follow their gifts of money with prayers that will make many rich."*

Reports of Schools, Academies, and Colleges.

These are numerous, full, and interesting, covering twenty-nine pages of the Annual Report. The increased activity of the Presbyterian Church in the field of academic and collegiate education is encouraging. Several new institutions have been established. One of these, "Birmingham College," Iowa, announces in its first annual report two hundred and eighteen students, male and female, with a good building, apparatus, &c. Others have been much prospered. Of Lafayette College it is remarked: "The extraordinary pecuniary success of this institution should be a lesson to others all over the land. In the face of previous prejudices and difficulties, *it has secured within three years, the sum of three hundred and sixty thousand dollars, or, to speak with exactness, two hundred thousand, with pledges of one hundred and sixty thousand more, when the full amount of two hundred thousand dollars more has been subscribed. Like activity and zeal, where the cause is manifestly a worthy one, and the agents to promote it intelligent, earnest, prudent, and reliable, must secure, in ordinary cases, success."*

It is said, "The effort to build up a fine literary institution for the populous Presbyterian region of which Wooster is the centre promises to be an eminent success. The site of twenty acres of land, in an elevated position, is admirably adapted for the purpose, close by the town. It was the gift of one generous gentleman. The subscription for the fund devoted to the construction of the building now amounts to near \$125,000; the main portion of it collected in the town (of five thousand inhabitants) and county. Their hearts are in the work, and it must succeed; the movers in the enterprise are men who look to the great ends for which the intellects of men should be cultivated and enlightened."

Schools among Foreign Populations.

The accounts from the French and German schools are as interesting as the narratives of foreign missionaries. They are minute, and furnish delightful proofs of God's converting power in the hearts of some of the scholars. We cannot at this time give more special information as to them. The report of the Board says, "Our ministry and people are beginning to feel the importance of reaching the immigrants from the continent of Europe to the United States, and their children, with the influence of the gospel. The Board has had some encouragement to its efforts to enlist attention to the schools among them, though not so much as it should have had, considering the number of these people, and the danger which their presence threatens both in Church and State. It is a fact which should be deeply pondered, and excite us to action, that they are already beginning to move in antagonism to religion in the matter of education, to endeavour to banish the Bible and prayer from schools, and to introduce school-books suited to their views, in some parts of the country where they have sufficient influence to hope for success."

Want of Men and Means.

The want of *men* for the wants of the Church is shown from quotations to that effect. And appeal is made for larger contributions next year of *means* to educate those whom the Lord is calling.

"When God is blessing the operation of the Board, the Church is called upon to respond by its free and hearty support. He has added one-third to the number of the candidates depending upon it for assistance, and has increased the various classes of schools springing up in fields both near and remote, to bless with their fruits our own people, and to realize to us the promise, 'the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls.' And the Board feels justified in calling upon those who love the Lord to rejoice in those evidences that 'in His favour He has had mercy upon us,' and to bring their gifts that we may perform His work as we ought. Though the contributions to General Education (schools, &c.) have been almost doubled the past year, yet we need twice the last amount, at least four thousand dollars more, during the remainder of the year, to enable us to meet the

expectations of teachers in their numerous fields of self-denying toil, and to give them what their schools, academies, &c., ask; and that how little compared with what they need! We look to the many pastors and Christian friends who have not yet aided the cause, to remember it at a time when they may be able. But we cannot ask it to be done at the expense of the other Department. We need an additional sum this year to support the new students for the ministry."

The Great Motive.

"It is little any of us can do to draw out the sympathies of the heart of man, or to get his efficient help for any good work, until we set him on fire with the love of Christ. In that love there is a power which will "constrain" him to labour, to give, to suffer, gladly; counting it all joy to do whatsoever that Master calls him to do, to go wheresoever He points him to go, and to be ready also to die if by that death he may glorify Him. No other motive is so powerful to unlock all the treasures of affection, and motive, and earthly possessions, as the love of Christ."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MAY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Princetown ch	\$14 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —New Castle ch	22 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —First ch, Alden	4 50
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Fairfax ch 2 60; Muscatine Ger ch 2 50; Linn Grove ch 3 25; Tipton ch. of which 6 10 from Sab-sch, 28 82	37 17
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch 5 35; South East Centre ch 17 69	23 04
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona and Rollinston chs 3; 1st ch, Chippewa Falls 6	9 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Eugene ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Frostburg ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch	16 85
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Lime Spring ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Oskaloosa ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Sturgeonville ch 8; Greenville ch 9	17 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch, Elizabeth 178 35; 2d ch Elizabeth 87; New Vernon ch 10 65; Westminster ch 36; 1st ch Woodbridge 15	327 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Findlay ch	27 95
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Central ch Genesee 14 12; 1st ch Bath 13 75; Tusearora ch 4; 1st ch Caledonia 14 27	46 14
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs 55 50; Shirleysburgh ch 10; Huntingdon ch 92 75	155 25
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	144 00
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Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS RECEIVED.—On the last Sabbath in March, three persons were admitted to the communion of the church among the Seminole Indians; five other applicants for admission were deferred. In Brazil, eight new members were admitted to the church of Brotas, and two to the church of Rio de Janeiro, as we learn by letters dated to the 24th of April. In Japan, Dr. Hepburn, April 24th, reports the baptism of “two young Japanese. They are both married men, belong to the Samurai class, or gentry, are intelligent, and formerly attended our English school. They have been industrious students of the Bible in English, and seem to understand clearly, and to have a true love for its great truths. We hope they may yet become preachers of the gospel to their countrymen. This is our great desire, to raise up men to preach the gospel, and our daily prayer.” At Shanghai, China, the Rev. J. Wherry says, April 17th: “At our last communion six persons were received into the church.”

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. John Manual and his wife, and Miss Nassau arrived at Corisco, March 17th. The Rev. William T. Morrison and his family arrived at Shanghai, April 16th. Mrs. A. L. Blackford arrived at New York from Brazil on the 20th of May; on a visit for her health. The Rev. John Carrington and his wife embarked for Siam on the 1st of June, *via* San Francisco; and the Rev. Jasper S. McIlvaine embarked for China on the 9th of June, also *via* San Francisco. These brethren are both graduates of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and members of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

LETTERS RECEIVED to June 13th, besides those referred to above, are from the Creek Mission, May 27th; San Francisco, May 13th, mentioning the case of another Chinese applying for baptism; Tunchow, February 17th; Chefoo, April 8th; Peking, March 30th, in which the Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., speaks of the expected visit of himself and family to this country at an early day, under circumstances involving little expense to the Board, their visit having for its object considerations of health and arrangements for the education of their children; Canton, April 13th, mentioning, as we are glad to see, the restored health of the Rev. H. V. Noyes; Bangkok, March 16th, referring to the probable early return to this country of the Rev. P. Carden and his wife, on account of Mrs. Carden's health; Chieng-mai, February 24th, reporting the arrival there of the Rev. J. Wilson and his family, and the expected visit of Dr. S. R. House from Bangkok; Futtehgurh, April 20th; Mynpoorie, April 13th; Dehra April 8th, in which Miss Beatty expresses an earnest desire to have a female teacher of experience associated with her in the native Christian girls' school; Lodiana, April 24th; Liberia, to April 30th; Bogota, April 15th.

PRAYER NEEDED.—See the little article under this title on the next page. Some of our friends form discouraging views as to the financial prospects of the Board. Other leading missionary institutions are already in trouble. Our own has had to report a debt two years in succession—new things in its history. Earnest calls are made for enlarged efforts. The General Assembly directs the Board to go onward. Does not the Head of the Church give the same order? We do not give way to fears. Our Church has nobly pressed forward in this great work. We believe

there will be no retrograde movement. But our faith and hope as to this both hinge on the piety of our Christian people, as under God the main support of this cause. And in no way can its interests be so well served as by prayer.

Foreign Missions in the General Assembly.

The usual course was followed in the General Assembly at Albany in regard to the Board of Foreign Missions. Its Annual Report was received, and referred to a Standing Committee, and on their recommendation it was afterwards approved. The Standing Committee gave much careful and earnest consideration to the subject, and the General Assembly devoted about two hours to it. In the evening of the same day, a very interesting missionary meeting was held in the First church, Albany, which was attended by a large congregation, and at which addresses were made by several returned missionaries.

The Assembly's action on this subject shows a steady purpose to go forward; neither the debt, nor the loss by extra exchange was considered a reason of any weight, as compared with the calls for advanced movement abroad, or with the ability of the churches at home to engage more largely in the work. A cordial and earnest feeling of interest in this cause was very manifest on all sides. And we trust this feeling will bear much good fruit in the churches and the Presbyteries represented in the Assembly.

About two hours, we suppose, were given to the cause of Foreign Missions by the late General Assembly. Now, of course, it is impracticable for such a body to take up the various things in minute detail, which make up a year's work in the foreign field, and of which a general narrative is given in the Annual Report of the Board. Nor is the floor of this body the best place for a satisfactory discussion of certain questions of missionary policy and procedure, in which Christians of different denominations are not fully agreed. But it seems to be of great importance, nevertheless, that such time should be given to the subject as would allow the general interests of the cause to be well considered. It is not for hortatory addresses we plead, these are usually out of place in the General Assembly; nor is it for minute particulars of each missionary's work; but, in most missions, questions of enlargement, or of the place given to certain kinds of work, or of peculiar difficulties, or of the need of greater funds, or of the call for more prayer and sympathy for the missionaries and their native brethren, might well receive the consideration of the Assembly,—as also the measures to be adopted in the churches at home for the best support of this cause.

It is only a brief reference we can make here to this subject, but every year confirms our impression of its practical importance. We think, for example, that if two or three days could have been given at Albany to the Foreign Missions of the Church, the members would have carried home with them much deeper impressions of the work to be done in Japan, China, and other countries, than they probably received. The General Assembly itself, we must remember, is the true "Board" of the Church, the main general organization amongst us for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad; and this view of its province will, no doubt, more and more control its proceedings in years to come.

Prayer Needed.

No cause more needs prayer than that of missions to the heathen. Every one acknowledges this to be true, who reflects on the subject seriously. Prayer should

refer to all things connected with this work. It asks for more labourers, American and native, and for greater success in their varied efforts to save perishing souls; but it should also ask for greater interest in the subject on the part of the churches at home, and for wisdom to direct the counsels and the measures by which this cause may be best promoted. Just now, we wish to remind our readers of the need of prayer that sufficient pecuniary means may be provided for the work of this present year. Larger expenses are to be met than before. Heavy losses cannot be avoided in turning the moneys received by the mission treasury into such funds as can be paid out in India, China, &c. But we need not dwell on these and other points of the case. The great matter is, that God is calling us, and encouraging us, as a Church, to *go forward* in this work, while yet the funds for the purpose are not equal to the work which is set before us. Now many things might be said as to this, but only one would we here suggest. Let us try the plan of praying for this, more than we have done. The object is right, good, and for the glory of God. Will he not graciously hear the prayer of his people, and cause ample means to be supplied in good season?

A Beginning made at Suchow.

Suchow is a large city in the province of Kiangsu, China, situated nearly eastward from Shanghai, which is in the same province. In this city, Mr. Charles Schmidt is conducting missionary work under peculiar and interesting circumstances. Reaching China from Europe some years ago, he entered into military service among the natives, became colonel of an imperial regiment, and gained credit for his energy and success. At the end of the rebellion, he spent some time in mercantile business, losing most of the property he had acquired. In the meantime he had married a Chinese wife. He was brought afterwards, as it is hoped, to a saving knowledge of our blessed Lord, and received as a member of our church in Shanghai,—as also his wife. And now he is earnestly labouring to make Christ known to the Chinese in the city where formerly he had been engaged in battles, and where missionary labourers are greatly needed. He is supported in part by his own means, but the Committee made a grant in aid of his support for the present year, at the suggestion of our brethren in Shanghai, who desire to have him placed on the staff of missionary labourers of the Board; and this will probably be done. They take a deep interest in him and his work. With this little sketch

in view, the following letter of the Rev. John Wherry will be read with interest. It is dated at Shanghai, February 24, 1868:

In my last letter to you I mentioned that I was about to start for Suchow. Mr. Allen, of the Methodist Mission, had kindly invited me to go with him in his own boat, and I gladly accepted the invitation, as I was desirous of seeing Mr. Schmidt's work there, and also of visiting our other out-station at Kia Shan, which could be taken on the way. At both places we were pleased with what we saw.

Boys' School—Sabbath Services.

Mr. Schmidt had collected a school of twelve boys, (since increased to sixteen), and whose tuition was entrusted to one of our native church members, who has long lived in Suchow. On Sabbath morning the scholars and others to the number of twenty-five, or thirty, perhaps, assembled for worship. They sang several hymns. Mr. Schmidt accompanying with the melodeon; and the people listened very attentively while the teacher and I addressed them. In the afternoon, we had a still larger congregation to listen to Mr. Allen. As a number of those present could not obtain seats, there was more noise and confusion than in the morning, but still most seemed to be attentive and interested. In the audience were two brothers, literary gentlemen, both of whom, I believe, have held office. They had been at the more private prayer-meetings before, but this was the first time they had attended the public preaching. They

did not understand the preaching very well, I fear, as it was not in their dialect. Their father is a Manchu, and is, or was, also in office. He also visits Mr. Schmidt sometimes.

Intercourse with the Chinese—Hopeful Converts—The Orphan Boy—Young Men baptized at Kia Shan.

Mr. Schmidt has a great number of visits from officers. Some were acquainted with him when he himself held office. Others came out of curiosity to learn of foreign things. They all speak, of course, the Mandarin dialect, to which Mr. Schmidt devotes almost his whole attention. No serious opposition to Mr. Schmidt has yet been developed, although previous to his going there, Suchow was supposed to be especially hostile to the entrance of foreigners. Two candidates for baptism from there have come to Shanghai to be examined, and both have been accepted by the session. One was formerly partner in business with our first Suchow convert, and the other has long been Mr. Schmidt's servant. The former has recently taken charge of the school in Suchow, and the latter expects soon to enter our school at Shanghai. His father and mother were both killed in the rebellion. Him, himself, Mr. Schmidt found among a party of captured rebels, to whom he was assigning quarters for the night, and who expected all to be beheaded the next day. This boy, naked and dirty, clung to Mr. Schmidt's chair as he was being carried along by four bearers, and could not be shaken off. So Mr. Schmidt took pity on him, and has kept him to this day.

In returning from Suchow we visited Kia Shan, and took part in the baptism of a young man, who had previously been accepted by the session of the church at Shanghai. Another applicant was examined just before the services, who was very desirous of being baptized at the same time, but though he is well reported of by the brethren, and seemed to be earnest, we thought it best that he should be tried a little further. There are still two or three others who wish to be baptized, who are considered hopeful.

Samoa, as it was, and as it is.

Geography.—*Samoa (Sa-mo-a)* is the native name of the group of islands, in the South Pacific Ocean, which lies between 13° 30' and 14° 20' south latitude, and 169° 24' and 172° 50' west

longitude. This group is more generally known as the "NAVIGATORS' ISLANDS." Its number of inhabited islands is ten, with a population of about 34,700. It is 265 miles long, and includes an area of 1,650 square miles. All the islands are of volcanic origin, and contain several craters, the largest of which, if we except the harbour of Pangopango, Tutuila, is on Savaii.

The variety and beauty of the appearance of these islands almost baffle description. The effect, upon visitors, of a first sight of them, is enchanting, nor is much of the enchantment lost after a long acquaintance with them. . . .

The People.—The people are physically a very fine race, and possess good mental capabilities. Their fine personal appearance has been the subject of remark of almost all intelligent visitors. Their colour is light olive. The following sketch of them, by a keen observer, is a truthful portrait:—"A remarkably tall, fine-looking set, with intelligent and pleasing countenance, and a frank and open expression. The average height of the men is five feet ten inches. Their features are not in general prominent, but are well marked and distinct. The nose is short and wide at the base; the mouth large, and well filled with white and strong teeth, with full and well turned lips; the eyes black, and often large and bright; the forehead narrow and high; the cheek-bones prominent. Of beard they have little, but their hair is strong, straight, and black."

Form of Government.—*Their form of Government* partakes very much of the patriarchal, and seems to contain in it also the incipency of the democratic and monarchical. The villages of Samoa are small, numbering from fifty to five hundred inhabitants each. Every village consists of a number of families, who own their land within their own boundaries. Each family has a hereditary title, and whoever, by agreement of the family, bears that title is considered as the head and ruler of the family. Of these heads of families about half are chiefs, and the other half their advisers and supporters. The one are called ALU, the others TULAFALE. All have a voice in deliberation which affects the community, but the chiefs are the recognized rulers. Of these chiefs one has a hereditary supremacy, and he it is who ostensibly decides, in council, all matters affecting the interest of the village. Any decision issued from such a council is law to the whole village. This head chief is regarded very much

as king of the village, and the other chiefs are called his little brothers, his brother chiefs, &c. His sway may be, according to the disposition of the man, more or less despotic, but, if he carry matters with too high a hand, his brother chiefs may transfer the title to some other member of the royal line. . . .

Their Worship.—The Samoans, like the Athenians, were exceedingly devoted to the worship of demons. They seem to have recognized one supreme god whom they called TANGALOA (*Ta-nga-loa*), the meaning of which is, perhaps, the Unrestrained or Illimitable one, from *tanga*, which means *unrestrained by tabu*, and *loa*, *continuously*, but they seem to have regarded him as too high and too far removed from them to offer him much or any worship. They ascribed to him creation, but their worship had to do with beings whom they supposed to be near them in some visible object. Every district, village, and family had its own god, and so also had each individual. . . .

In every phenomena of nature, in every remarkable spot on their island, and in every inferior animal, the Samoans recognized the presence of some god, and each god was represented by some priest. Thus worshipping gods many and lords many, and to a great extent guilty of the immoral states and practices represented by Paul in the first chapter of his epistle to the Romans, Williams found them, when he brought them the Gospel in 1830.

The Gospel and its Results.—God, by his providential operation, had in a great measure prepared the people to welcome the messengers of salvation. In only two years after the Tahitian teachers first landed on Savaii, parties were found in all parts of the group, anxious to be instructed in the religion of Jesus. Under the superintendence of the Rev. G. Platt, of Raiatea, the teachers prosecuted their work with vigour and success. When the first band of Missionaries, appointed by the Board of Directors of the London Missionary Society to labour on Samoa, arrived in 1836, they found the people everywhere ready to welcome them, and receive their message; and now, after more than thirty years of labour, what are the results? They are these: The whole nation professes Christianity; heathenism, and, to a great extent, heathen practices, have been abolished; the whole Bible has been carefully translated into their language, and it has long been in circulation among them; a third or more

of the population can read. About five thousand adults are united to the Church fellowship, and some four thousand more, candidates for the same privilege; more than two hundred of the male members are preachers of the Gospel to their fellow islanders, and many have gone as pioneer missionaries to distant groups and islands, where they have been instrumental in planting the gospel. Native contributions are made annually for the support of the native teachers amounting in local value to about \$10,000; and for some years past \$5,000 per annum in cash has been contributed towards the funds of the Society, which sends them their missionaries. A large training institution for preparing a native pastorate has been in operation twenty-two years. The work in all these phases is consolidating and advancing, and besides these results, civilization has attended the progress of the gospel, and now the people, who had no commerce before the gospel was introduced, have an export trade in cocoa-nut oil and cotton of some \$200,000 or \$250,000 per annum. Assuredly such results show that the work is of God, and afford encouragement and incentive to strenuous efforts thus to bless every remaining dark place of the earth by furnishing to it the light of the glorious gospel of the Blessed God! To him be the praise for all success! —*Rev. T. Powel, Miss. Chr., April 1868.*

Missionary Work among Hindu Women and Girls.

(Concluded from page 143.)

In Boarding Schools.

Lodiana.—At this station is a Girls' Orphanage. Mr. Myers, who has charge of it, says: "The number added to it during the year is six. One was removed by death, and three were married, —leaving in the school at present forty-five. The little one that passed away was a child of most lovely disposition. Her name was Catherine; and we trust that name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. It is a great privilege to minister the cup of gold water to such little ones. She was quick to learn divine things—obedient and confiding. Disease had taken root before she came; and her sojourn with us was only about eight months.

"The health of the children was very good till within the last two months. After that there was so much sickness as at times almost to break up the operations of the school.

"The plan of instruction has not been materially changed for several years. Their own language is taught first; and if it is seen that they learn well, we also teach them English. The first class is reading the Fourth Book of the Madras series; also studying Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, and Penmanship,—with daily lessons in the vernacular. A class has been formed of the more studious girls, for the study of Hindi. Singing is taught by Mr. Bergen.

"In addition to sewing, knitting, and fancy work, taught them last year, Mrs. Myers has introduced the spinning of cotton. They are instructed in the art of making their own clothes.

"We have often been cheered in this work. It is the most definite and specific training of souls for eternity outside of the family.

"In bringing up these Orphan Children we keep constantly the great want of female teachers in view . . . Therefore the older and more advanced pupils are required to give assistance in teaching the junior classes, to act the part of monitors, and, so far as opportunity offers, to take care of the little ones in the school . . . We are glad to know that some of our former pupils are employed as teachers and Bible Women, and that they appear to be blessed in their labours."

Dehra.—The Christian Girls' school has continued to supply an important want in the education of the female children of the Mission. The number has been larger than at any former time in the history of the school, being at one time as many as forty. Of these, two have married during the year. The health of all the girls has been remarkably good, no case of serious illness having occurred, with the exception of one little girl named Jiryo, who had for some time been suffering from pneumonia. She gradually sank from the effects of this disease.

During her residence in the school, she had learned to love the Saviour and frequently expressed her desire to depart and be with Him, rather than to remain longer in this wicked world.

Great inconvenience is experienced by Miss Beatty in arranging for the accommodation of the school in their present quarters. For some time a change to other and more suitable premises has been contemplated; but as yet nothing has been done. It is hoped that circumstances may soon admit of our providing this important insti-

tution with buildings more suitable to its wants.

The progress of the girls in their studies has been most satisfactory. Six of them united with the church at the last communion.

Lahore.—The Christian girls at this station attend a school located in their neighbourhood, which, though not under the immediate auspices of the Mission, is controlled by a Committee, of which the Missionaries are members. The school is non-sectarian,—the management being in the hands of different denominations of Christians, including the Missionaries of Amritsar, as well as those of Lahore. On the Committee of management there are Native Christian gentlemen, as well as foreigners. The school is superintended by an English lady. In the teaching she is assisted by Miss Morrison; and occasional help has been given by the other ladies of the Mission. Children from other stations are taken as boarders. The buildings are not yet completed; but if additional pecuniary aid can be obtained, the part yet to be built may be ready before the next hot season. There will then be accommodation for as many as eighteen or twenty boarders.

Some of the Christian women, who before their conversion had no advantages for education, were, last summer, formed into a class, and taught to read by a Native lady.

In Day Schools.

Lodiana.—The three schools reported last year are all that can be reported now. We are happy to say, however, that in some respects a decided advance has been made. The whole number of pupils last year was 45. At the end of the present Mission year, the roll of one school alone contained this number; while the three collectively numbered 80. This enlargement was probably owing, in a great measure, to the influence of Miss Jerrom, a lady who came to Lodiana in April last, as an agent of the Society in London for promoting Female Education in the East. Being unable at once to enter upon her work independently, she agreed to take the supervision of these schools on behalf of the Mission. Many of the children are bright and intelligent,—reading Urdu in the Persian character fluently, and working very neatly. Spelling, writing, and knitting are also taught daily; while Mental Arithmetic forms an occasional exercise. Instruction in plain needle-work has been a great success. Direct Christian instruc-

tion has not been attempted—to any great extent; though all the teaching these little ones receive has a decided Christian bearing.

Saharanpur.—This station has three Girls' Schools—attended by about 40 scholars. They are regularly visited and instructed in the Gospel by Mrs. Calderwood.

Sabathu.—Mrs. Janvier's school for girls is about the same in character as last year. The girls are taught to sew as well as to read. The instruction is given in Hindi. The following is quoted from her Report: "Two of the pupils of the Girls' School were suddenly stricken down by the cholera. In their places on the previous Sabbath morning they were reciting a hymn ending with a prayer that they might be fitted for the eternal Sabbath in heaven:—in two days they were in eternity. They were very young; and may we not believe that the Saviour, whose praises they loved to sing, having washed them in his blood, took them to his own bosom.—A woman employed in the school to teach sewing, who loved to join in the singing, and whose earnest attention to the word of God was quite marked, has also died,—leaving us not without hope. She was the mother of one of the most interesting pupils in the school; and often her children united with her in reading and prayer, in their own home. Her daughter has since been taken away from the school by her husband, although she received a rupee a month as monitor. The poor girl has had her books taken away, and has been commanded to kneel before an idol. This she has steadfastly refused to do,—saying 'There is but one Saviour: my trust is in him,'—although her husband and father-in-law used force and beat her. What the end of it will be we know not; but trust that she may yet have strength given her to come out from among the heathen."

Ambala City.—During the summer the Missionary has organized two schools of this class—containing together between fifty and sixty children.

Lahore.—Last year three Girls' Schools were organized in connection with the Mission: but one of these was soon broken up by the teacher himself—because one of the ladies of the Mission insisted on her right to visit it, and give religious instruction to the children. The other two, having, in the absence of the lady from the station during the summer, lived only a sickly life, were finally disbanded. The teachers, who were nominal pandits, had prove themselves to be utterly unreliable; and no good substitutes could then be obtained. In December a school was opened for low caste girls, and taught by a Christian, who, before conversion, belonged to this class of people. Boys however of the same caste asked to be admitted; and the request was not refused. They are taught in Gurmukhi—both reading and writing. The girls are also taught plain sewing and knitting. The religious instruction, given daily, with great regularity, is chiefly oral. Mrs. Newton, so long as her health permitted, spent several hours in the school every week. When she was no longer able to attend, her place was supplied by a Native Christian woman. Some of the children made most satisfactory progress; and their interest in Bible stories and in the truths of the gospel was encouraging. During the summer, however, when Mrs. Newton was absent from the station, and no efficient supervision could be given, the School greatly diminished in numbers. . . .

Rawal Pindi.—The Girls' day school has continued to give satisfaction, both as regards the numbers in attendance, and the progress made in study and needle-work. The number is 65. Sardar Nihal Singh, K. S. I., has kindly continued the use of a suitable house for the school, free of rent. Native gentlemen have assisted with money and influence. Parents and children all seem favourably inclined; and there is every encouragement to hope that the cause of Female Education will continue to take deep root, and become permanently successful.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MAY, 1868.

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SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—South ch. Balt Infant Sab-sch 20; Gwvane chapel Sab-sch 15; Broadway ch, Balt Young Ladies' Bible

Class 50: Aisquith St ch 76 43. *Pby of Carlisle*—Greenville ch. Mrs Daniels 1; Schellsburg Sab-sch 2 50; Big Spring ch 202. *Pby of Leves*—Snow Hill ch 2 368 93

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 SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Rock River*—Hanover ch 8 90; Galena Ger ch, Ladies' Socy 7; Zion ch 3 18 90
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 SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—German ch, Muscatine 2 50; Lime Grove ch 7. *Pby of Dubuque*—Frankville Sab-sch 4 90; Wilson's Grove ch 1 50. *Pby of Vinton*—Newton Sab-sch 2 30; West Irving ch 2; Bethel ch 1 85; South Ridges ch 3 10 25 15
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Total received from churches \$6,552 44

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Miss Mary Nealey, dec'd, Juniata Co, Pa 499 33; Bequest of Mrs Mary Shields, dec'd, Armstrong Co, Pa 300 799 33

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Total Receipts in April, 1868, \$10,448 27
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Action of the General Assembly on the Board of Publication.

At the recent sessions of the General Assembly at Albany, the Standing Committee on the Board of Publications presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted by the Assembly:—

The Committee on the Records and Report of the Board of Publication, after carefully examining the papers committed to them, would respectfully present the following report:

Your Committee has been deeply impressed with the peculiar importance of the work committed to this Board, and the urgent necessity there is that it should be done vigorously and efficiently. A good, wholesome, religious literature is not only indispensable in securing the perpetuity of a church constituted like ours, but it is also, as experience has shown, one of the best means for carrying on the work of evangelization. It ought then to be a subject of no ordinary concern to the Assembly, to know what efforts the Board is making to supply the wants of the Church through the channel of the press, and what success has attended its attempts to preach the gospel by means of the printed page.

The Thirtieth Annual Report presented by this Board is so complete and satisfactory, that your Committee has had no difficulty in reaching a unanimous opinion concerning its work.

From this Report it appears that the receipts of the Board have been in advance of the preceding year; and ample testimony is furnished to show that it has not only grown in favour with the ministers and people of our Church, but also that its work has been graciously owned and blessed of God to the conversion of sinners. 133,600 copies of new publications and 556,750 reprints of former publications have been issued during the year, making in all 690,350 copies. In the Sabbath-school Department, the Board has succeeded in issuing a series of books, surpassed by none in their worth and adaptation to the young. It has also in accordance with the direction of the last Assembly, issued the *Sabbath-school Visitor* semi-monthly. It has now a circulation of 90,000 copies, a gain of 8,000 over last year.

In the department of distribution and sustentation there has been a pleasing increase, both in the amount of sales and in the contributions from

the churches. But your Committee regrets to find that only 778 out of 2,600 churches have contributed during the past year to this important object. In view of all this your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly has heard with pleasure and gratitude to God of the increased measure of success that has attended the labours of the Board of Publication during the past year, in face of more than ordinary difficulties. While it commends the fidelity of the Board to its sacred and important trust, it would also call the attention of all under the Assembly's care to the importance of sustaining it, that it may be rendered still more efficient.

Resolved, 2. It gives special pleasure to the Assembly to learn that the Sabbath-school books issued by the Board are so generally and cordially approved by those engaged in the Sabbath-school work. In order to make this department still more effective, it is recommended to the Board to make diligent effort to print and circulate a larger number of books adapted to that class of the young who are of more advanced years of culture.

Resolved, 3. The Assembly hereby approves the action of the Board in publishing the *Sabbath-school Visitor* semi-monthly; and it calls upon pastors and sessions to assist in extending its circulation in preference to all other papers of like character. It also approves the efforts made to improve the hymnology used in our Sabbath-schools, by the issuing of a book entitled, "*Children's Praise.*" It would also recommend to the Board to issue an edition of this book without the music.

Resolved, 4. The Assembly hereby recommends that collections be taken up in our Sabbath-schools for this Board, and that the funds thus contributed be used in supplying libraries to Sabbath-schools in destitute neighbourhoods.

Resolved, 5. The Assembly directs the Board to make special efforts during the coming year to enlarge and extend the work of colportage.

Resolved, 6. Your Committee having examined the records of the Executive Committee and of the Board, recommends their approval.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. An Earnest Ministry the Want of the Times. By John Angell James. With an introduction by the Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D.D., Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology in Auburn Theological Seminary, N. Y. 12mo. Pages 288. Price 75 cents.

This valuable book has accomplished an important work in Great Britain. It was republished many years ago in New York, but has for a long time been out of print. A generous friend of the

Board of Publication recently found an opportunity to purchase the stereotype plates, which he did wholly at his own cost, and presented them to the Board. The book, after having been carefully revised and corrected, is now sent forth upon a new, and, we trust, an enlarged mission of usefulness. One Christian gentleman has presented a copy to each member of the classes just graduated at Princeton Seminary, and Union Seminary in New York City. Another has

given a copy to each member of the graduating classes in the Allegheny, Auburn, Lane and Chicago Seminaries.

The book is well adapted to do good to the ministry of our American Presbyterian Church, and especially to our more youthful ministers. We bespeak for it their careful perusal. Its instructions will be invaluable to all who will give heed thereto.

II. Hymns of Children's Praise.

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A little volume full of charming and most instructive tales for boys and girls. Each chapter conveys its own important lesson of Bible truth in a most agreeable manner.

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To Presbyterians.

St. Louis, June 11th, 1868.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Last year your Board of Church Extension received \$50,000, and aided in the erection of 122 houses of worship. In a little over thirteen years your Board has received nearly \$385,000, and made grants to 850 churches. These grants have enabled these congregations to secure, free from debt, church properties worth over \$2,500,000, and have furnished comfortable shelters for 180,000 worshippers. To day, your Board has on file applications from over 100 churches for \$70,000 more than its means. These applications are, in most cases, for aid in erecting humble sanctuaries, costing from \$2,000 to \$3,000. They come from feeble churches that, in poverty and great self-denial, are building a house for the Lord. Among the cases before us are these: In a church in Minnesota one of the four poor members has sold her \$500 government bond, that the work on the sanctuary might not cease. In another church, in the same State, the minister, besides giving \$100 out of his scanty salary, suffers the parsonage to be sold, and moves into two uncomfortable rooms over a tin shop, in the filthiest part of the town, that the sanctuary may arise. In a church in Iowa, a young man earning his daily bread with his team gives \$50, and a widowed mother worth \$1,000 gives \$100, or one-tenth of all her living for the house of God. In Missouri, a little band of new-comers on the prairie, with land but partly paid for, with farms unfenced, and living in shanties built for stables and outhouses, give from \$50 to \$100 a piece that the church may first be built. These are not extreme and isolated cases. They are fair samples of the sacrifices of our brethren for the sanctuary. Shall these sacrifices fail of the desired end for want of a few hundred dollars? Your Board has no paid agents. It can aid these suffering brethren only as your free-will gifts are furnished to our Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo. If, at the appointed time, the first Sabbath of July, or as soon thereafter as possible, you will fulfil the law of love by bearing, as you can, these burdens of your brethren, the blessing of churches ready to perish will come upon you. Your gifts, undiminished by any expenses, will cheer those who toil and hope almost against hope, and your Lord will be glorified in the sanctuaries thus built.

In behalf of the Board of Church Extension,

Yours fraternally;
H. I. COE, Secretary.

<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St	Sab-sch	\$20 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —1st ch	Rushville 5; Greensburg ch, special, 80	85 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Blackbird Hills ch		3 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Newton ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Delphi ch		5 00
<i>Pby of Concord</i> —Davidson's River ch		5 35
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Preston ch		2 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Second ch, Washington		10 00
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Warrensburg ch		5 00
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Perryville ch 9; Lecompton ch 5		14 00
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —West Unity ch		3 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Evans Creek ch 3; New Cumberland ch 10; Linton ch 3		16 00
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Kingwood ch 5 50; Newburg ch 15		20 50
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —First ch Stillwater		21 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Govane Chapel		5 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, Elizabeth	80 95	
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Hixton ch		3 00
<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —East Union and Payne ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebenezer ch 4 50; Pleasant Valley ch 4 08; Sunbury ch 4; Harrisonville ch 15; Clintonville ch 2 25; Amity ch 10		39 83
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 5; Woodsfield ch 4; New Castle ch 2; Buchanan ch 1		12 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Fairfield ch 7; Blairsville ch 38; Unity ch 18		63 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Licking ch		16 00

<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch Woodbridge 15; Elizabeth Point ch 5; New Vernon ch 22 77 42 77		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Pound Ridge ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Ogdensburg ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Bethel ch 1 15; South Ridge ch 1 10; West Union ch 2 65		4 80
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch		105 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Scaffold Prairie ch		1 00
<i>Pby of Osford</i> —Hamilton ch, balance,		2 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch 4; Radnor ch 3		7 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Mary S Larimer 60; James Boughton 5; Rev Peter Hassinger 5		70 00
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Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch, special for Hartford 1st ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch		114 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Asbury ch		8 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Leacock ch		15 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany chs		19 47
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch, West Philadelphia		25 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Norristown 1st ch 74 03		
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 5; Wheeling Valley ch 3		8 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona and Rolling Prairie chs		4 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y		5 00
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Total receipts for May \$984 81
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch	\$32 35	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany chs	24 96
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebenezer ch 3 74; Clintonville ch 2	5 74	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Union ch 20 22; West Spruce St ch 20	40 22
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Amity ch 10; Harrisville ch 15	25 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Cohocksink ch	85 42
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Blairsville ch 33; Unity ch 33	76 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch	36 00	<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch, add'l	4 50
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middle Springs ch	55 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bethany ch 29 22; Fairview ch 5; Shady Side ch 48 18	82 40
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch	41 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —East Union and Rayne chs	10 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia ch	24 94	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Black Bird Hill ch 3 50	3 50
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Oswegatchie ch	10 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 10; Powhattan ch 8 15; Wheeling Valley ch 4	22 15
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Morris 1st ch	12 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch 33 14; Claysville ch 10	43 14
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch 74 10; Goshen ch 10 18	84 28	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Portage City 1st ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dick's Creek ch	6 00		\$2,915 69
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch 26; College Corner ch 8; Reily ch 15	40 60	James Bayard, Esq. of Philadelphia	25 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeville ch 17 50; Prospect ch 19 70	37 20	Rev S P Dunham of Bainbridge, Ohio	5 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Madison 1st ch	29 00	Mrs Mary Larmer of Redstone Pres	60 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Liberty ch	5 60		\$3,005 69
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Linn Grove ch	2 25		
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Perryville ch 50 cts; Le-compton ch 25 cts	75		
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Warrensburg ch	3 25		
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Baskingridge ch 15; Wood-bridge ch 10; New Vernon ch 21 93	46 93		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Ashbury ch 4; Oxford 1st ch 3	7 00		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Hightstown ch 10 25; Trenton 2d ch 14 34	33 59		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch 10; Red Mills ch 12	22 00		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —New York 1st ch	1,891 12		
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Little Brittain ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Zion ch 13; Rock ch 13	26 00		

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,

Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, June 8th, 1868.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Letters received by the Committee from all parts of the Church, express increasing interest in the cause, and none evince more joy in its progress, than our missionaries, both foreign and domestic. It is no evidence of a want of zeal in these devoted men, nor of a proper trust in Providence, that in their remote fields of labour they revolve at times, with deep solicitude, the contingency of chronic disease, which may disable them in early life, or the imbecility of old age. They cannot so far divest themselves of humanity, as to leave these possible events wholly out of the account in deciding whether, in view of the manifold trials of missionary life, they will be able to *endure hardness as good soldiers*, in such an arduous warfare. The Committee are confident that nothing has served so much to allay their anxiety, and suppress inordinate fear, as the establishment of this fund. The support thus pledged by their brethren, is at once a token of their fraternal love, and of the care of a benignant Providence. The comfort imparted to many who are already *compassed about with the innumerable evils* that often attend penury, disease and age, is most gratefully acknowledged.—*Annual Report*, page 4.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Solemn Purpose of the Assembly.

The General Assembly has declared its solemn purpose to prosecute the work among the freedmen as a permanent mission. The results of the efforts of the committee as exhibited in their report to the Assembly seemed to strike all minds with favour. All expressed surprise that with such limited means so much had been accomplished. The fact that three regularly organized Presbyteries were represented on the floor of the Assembly by coloured men, and two of these freedmen, gave reality to our missions, and the consistent Christian conduct and good sense manifested by these coloured brethren removed a vast amount of prejudice from the minds of many doubters. The Assembly erected a Synod—in which there is no white church—composed of ministers, one half of whom are of the African race, and bade the committee go forward in their great work.

But the time of trial has come. Every member of the Synod of Atlantic must be sustained by the committee or else leave the field. Every mission planted must be enlarged and receive additional labourers or the work done will fail. More ministers and teachers must be sent and sustained, as there is no hope of any one of these missions becoming self-sustaining this year. Houses for worship and schools begun must be completed. The wagon cannot be stopped half way up the hill without disaster. Not a third of our churches have so far done anything to help this mission, and the Assembly calls earnestly upon all. The committee now have not money enough to pay the salaries of the missionaries for the month of June, and these salaries will all be due by the 10th of July. Will pastors and Christian people consider the call of the Assembly, and the present necessities of the committee, with the devoted missionaries who must be sustained, and act as our holy religion demands, in order to carry out the solemn purpose of the Assembly.

God is with us still.

Rev. T. G. Murphey reports an interesting work of grace in Union Church at Freedmen's chapel, Amelia County, Virginia. He writes, "On the second Sabbath of May I received forty-five by baptism into the church, after a long and careful examination.

"At Big Oak church we received four members, making a total in May of forty-nine additions on examination. I was well pleased with the examinations. On the first Sabbath of June we are to have communion in the Russel Grove church where I expect to baptize and receive several members. All these churches, need hymn books; will not the churches that have introduced the Hymnal supply them. The good teacher, Mrs. Neil, has purchased a pulpit Bible and Hymn book for Big Oak church: such gifts are needed in both the other churches."

How the Work is Conducted.

Ministers are appointed as Superintendents of these missions, with a general oversight of all parts of the work, in their immediate field, while the Committee

retains a direct ultimate control, of each missionary under commission, whether teacher or catechist. This control is modified, with regard to ministers, in subordination to the regular authority of Presbytery. Of these missions there are now twenty-two, which seem to be permanent and constantly enlarging. But few new fields have been entered by the missionaries in the last year, simply for lack of the means to support the labourers necessary to successful work. The enlargement and success of the work has been chiefly from the centres established last year. There are thousands of Presbyterian freed people, wandering as sheep without a shepherd, that the Committee have not been able to reach, either with the school, or gospel ordinances. Whole communities of them are seeking other folds, after waiting three years in the hope that the Church would come to their help.

Wherever the work has been properly begun, the organization of one church gives rise to other organizations in the same region, and the congregations increase rapidly, and almost without exception, manifestly improve the whole life and habits of the people.

The results of the year's work, when compared with those of last year, give decided grounds for encouragement. They show a healthy growth, and distinct advance in every department, as well as stamp the work with the promise of permanence. Eleven more stations have been occupied with schools, and the attendance of pupils is much more steady and uniform. Nineteen more Sabbath-schools have been established, and 1,300 children gathered for Sabbath instruction. Twenty-three churches have been planted during the year, and more than *two thousand* souls added to the communion. 1,200 of the people have received baptism at the hands of the missionaries, and the cases of discipline do not average one to a church.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN MAY, 1868.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Coloured sch, Sumter 3 75; Coloured sch, Charleston 10 00; Coloured sch, John's Island 2; Coloured sch, James Island 4 50; Coloured ch and sch, Wilmington 53 578 25	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Plum Creek ch 19 80; Indi- ana ch 10 29 80
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Harrisville ch 10 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 3; Wheel- ing Valley ch 3 6 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch 9 37	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch 16 50; Buffalo ch 28 81 45 31
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Johnstown, special, Biddle Institute 30; New Salem ch 18 91; Union ch 7 55 91	<i>Pby of White Water</i> —1st ch Rushville 7 33
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Coloured sch, White Hill 11 50; Coloured sch, Manson 2; Coloured sch, Poplar Tent 2 90; Coloured sch, Concord 20 cts; Coloured sch, Warrenton 16 20; Coloured sch, Lewisburg 4 75; Coloured sch, Statesville 2 30; Coloured sch, Salisbury 2 10; Coloured sch Gold Hill 3; Coloured sch, Salisbury 1; Coloured sch, Mocksville ch 2 25 48 20	MISCELLANEOUS.
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Linn Grove ch 4 00	Witherspoon Coloured sch, Princeton, N J 13; George Wilson, Hammond, N Y 3 13; "Friends, in Illinois" 100; Miss Gould, Norfolk, Va, special 10; Miss Donovan, Norfolk, Va, special, 10; R Brown's Bible class, Cin, special 50; Coloured sch, Locust Grove, Va 15; Coloured sch, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 26; Board School Directors, Clarksville, Tenn 75; Coloured ch, Amelia C H, Va 20 08; Coloured sch, Columbia, Tenn 66 15; Coloured sch, Baltimore, Md 20; Rev T B Van Eman, Clintonville, Pa 1; Rent office 39 448 33
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 17 00	Total receipts in May, \$1,514 38
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch 6 00	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middletown ch 50 00	
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch 9 60; Pound Ridge ch 10 19 60	
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Liberty ch 8 25; Serrill's Mount ch 8 16 25	
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Park ch, Erie, special 5 00	
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Goshen 1st ch 25; Sab-sch 50 75 00	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch 20 00	
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Lecompton ch 1 50; Perry- ville ch 2 50 4 00	
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch 4 00	
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —McEwensville ch 7; Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 11 18 00	
<i>Pby of Lisbon</i> —Yellow Creek ch 44 50; Liberty ch 2 20 46 70	
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch, N Y 374 23	
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Mrs M S Larimer 60; Mt Pleas- ant ch 8; New Providence ch 15 83 00	
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Lexington ch 13; Savannah ch 20 33 00	

The Committee acknowledge the following contributions:

A communion service for "Russell Grove" ch Amelia C H, Va., from friends of Miss Russell, Danville, Pa.

1 Package primers and cards for Franklinton sch, N. C., from Sab-sch of N P Kemp, Boston, Mass. Valued \$2. From same source "for the support of a school in the Wilds" \$25. Also from the children of South ch, St Johnsburg, Vt., for the same purpose \$30, from friends of Miss Gilfillan.

1 Box Sab-sch books from New Salem Pres ch, Allegheny Presbytery.

Pulpit Bible and Hymn Book for "Big Oak" ch, Amelia C H, Va., from Mrs Neil, teacher.



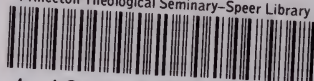
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